Nassau County Disaster Checklist

Preparing at Home

A home Emergency Plan for you and your family should include a communications system, disaster supply kit, and a meeting place. Kits should contain information for your home to take with you to a shelter. Here is a basic or "starter" list of supplies you should consider including in your kit. Keep the items that you are most likely to use in an easy-to-carry container such as a camping backpack or duffle bag. Reassess your family's needs and supplies annually.

If you are evacuating to a shelter, be sure to complete the following before leaving home;

- Secure windows and shutters with plywood for storm emergencies
- Remove all dead and diseased limbs from the trees near your house
- Secure patio furniture
- Top of car gas-tank
- Turn off electricity at main switch
- Shut gas valve at the appliance, not the main
- Let friends, neighbors and relatives know where you are going

*Remember to listen to local radio and TV stations for emergency information and evacuation instructions.

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- Photo Identification and Proof of Address
- Insurance policies, contracts, wills, passports, deeds, stocks and bonds, social security cards, immunization cards, & Medicare/Medicaid cards (secure this all in a water-proof bag)
- Banking and Credit Card information
- Emergency Contact information: names and numbers of those in your personal support network, family members, doctors, equipment suppliers and utility companies
- One week supply of non-perishable food
- Bottled water (1 gallon per person per day)
- Manual can opener
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Plastic Trash bags with ties
- Battery operated or crank radio/TV with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Change of clothes
- Childcare items
- Cell phone with spare batteries
- Phone that plugs directly into the wall
- Hard soled shoes
- Money (small bills and change)
- Auxiliary Medical Equipment if needed
- Style/serial #s of medical devices (ie pacemakers)
- Medicine supply & written dosage instructions
- Medical alert bracelet

Protecting Pets & Animals

Pets are not permitted in Nassau County/Red Cross Shelters so be sure to make alternate sheltering plans for your pet(s). Service animals are allowed in Nassau County/Red Cross Shelters. If you bring a service animal with you to a shelter, have water, food, medicines, toys, and other necessities.

Work and School

Every work place and school should have an evacuation plan and emergency procedures. Become familiar with evacuation and emergency plans in areas where you spend a great deal of time. You may want to store a few essential items at these places as well.

Additional Information

Nassau County	(516) 571-3000
Nassau County Office of	(516) 573-0636
Emergency Management	
Nassau County Police	(516) 573-7000
Nassau County Red Cross	(516) 747-3500
TTY Relay Operator	(800) 421-1220
Long Island Power Authority	y (800) 490-0025
FEMA	www.Ready.gov
American Red Cross	www.RedCross.org

911 is for Life-Threatening Emergencies Only

For More Information, Contact the Office of Emergency Management at (516) 573-0636